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Manhattan City Commission will vote on an ordinance that could keep landlords more accountable for their properties. Read an opinion on the issue on Page 4.

Read about the peace pole planted at the UFM as part of **K-State's National Nonviolence** campaign on Page 3.



CITY COMMISION

Rental review

Proposed housing amendment could enforce tenant limit

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A possible change to a city ordinance could mean many Manhattan renters will see their residences inspected for code violations, as soon as October.

Tonight the city commission is scheduled to vote on the amendment to the zoning ordinance known as the rental inspection amendment for Manhattan. The proposed ordinance will require all rental properties to be inspected this year beginning Oct. 1, 2009. The property will be inspected again sometime within the next three years depending on what deficiencies are found.

POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS

These inspections could uncover plumbing, electrical, or structural code violations. Rental properties could also be found in violation of a city ordinance that outlaws more than four non-related tenants to live in one dwelling on one lease.

Dwellings that have such problems could be closed following an inspection. According to the ordinance a family is defined as:

"Family shall mean either (a) an individual or two or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, or under foster care established by governmental action, living together as a single housekeeping unit: or (b) a group of not more than four persons, some of which are not related by blood, marriage or adoption, living together as a single housekeeping unit. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that five or more people living together as a single housekeeping unit are not a family."

Students should have never been living under these conditions to begin with, said Bill Muir, vice president of student life and member of the committee designated by the city to design the proposed ordinance.

Muir said the ordinance limiting the number of unrelated individuals living together in a "single housekeeping unit" has been in the city building codes for more than 20 years.

"In this town, it has been illegal for years and years," Muir said. These landlords who rent these houses and squeeze as many people in them as they can are in violation of the original ordinance."

Brad Claussen, Manhattan building official, said the definition of a family is more thoroughly defined in the zoning ordinance, and



Photo illustration by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

A long-standing city ordinance prohibits more than four non-related tenants to live in one residence in Manhattan. A proposed amendment to a city ordinance would increase inspections of all Manhattan rental properties and possibly lead to the eviction of illegal fifth tenants.

the definition in this amendment was just paraphrasing the complete definition.

Claussen, said that just because the city will inspect every three years does not preclude tenants from calling the city if a problem arises.

NO INSPECTIONS OF K-STATE PROPERTY

The city commission agenda states before the proposed amendment that property owned by K-State will not be subject to this ordinance.

Muir said 20 years ago when K-State was annexed into the city of Manhattan, the annexation had a clause in it that excludes K-State from any city ordinance unless specified within the ordinance.

"The city would have to go through a process to make any ordinance apply to K-State," Muir said. "We can use our property as

Muir said he has been with K-State for 22 years and was also a member of the group of people who helped create the annexation documents.

PAMPHLET CAUSES CONFUSION

The pamphlet created by the city managers has information to be distributed to all renters and rental owners. On the fifth page

of the pamphlet under "Other Occupancy Limitations," the second bullet point states "a dwelling unit cannot be occupied by more than four unrelated people.

This causes great concern because of the definition of a dwelling unit, which is as follows in the proposed ordinance:

"Dwelling unit shall mean a single residential unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one family, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation. The following shall be considered a single dwelling unit; as such terms are defined in the building codes of the city: rooming house, congregate residence, dormitory and fraternity/sorority."

According to these two statements combined, any one house may not house more than four unrelated people, regardless of how many occupants the house was designed to hold. This means that a sororities or fraternities at K-State, many of which currently house 50-100 members, could only provide living quarters for four individuals.

"That's wrong," Muir said, about the clause in the pamphlet that would allow greek houses to

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City to proclaim **Constitution Week**

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Other than the proposed rental inspection amendment ordinance, Manhattan Mayor Bob Strawn will read several proclamations at tonight's

commission meeting.
Sept. 17-23 will be hailed as Constitution week, Sept. 20-25 will be called Community Cultural Harmony week and will also be National Rehabilitation week, Oct. 4-10 will be hailed Fire Prevention week, and October will be proclaimed "One Book, One Community 2009 Reading Program" month.

On the consent agenda items, the city plans to approve the sale of alcohol on Sundays and holidays; the building of Cox Bros. Barbecue restaurant; sewer and water improvements; the modification of Farrar Corporation's land sale; storm sewer and street improvements; demolition of city-owned property and appointments to the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

The general agenda includes the rental inspection program and negotiations of a contract for a construction manager of at-risk services for the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

Commissioner James Sherow said basically the atrisk manager assumes any debt above and beyond what the city has agreed to pay for the construction of the Discovery Center.

A work session is scheduled to follow the general agenda discussing downtown development update and its financing with STAR and TIF bonds. These types of bonds are sales tax and property taxes paid by the residents and business owners in Manhattan.

Shopping Shuttle provides students with transportation to mall, local groceries



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Lijia Mo, graduate student in economics, checks the time while waiting for the K-State student shuttle to pick her and fellow students up from Wal-Mart Wednesday at 7 p.m. The shuttle made a previous stop to the Manhattan International Foods Market on Tuttle Creek Blvd.

By Justin Moss KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Since 2004, the Office of International Programs and the department of Housing and Dining Services have offered a shuttle service to different locations in Manhattan for students without cars. The shopping shuttle buses pick up stu-

dents at the west side of the K-State Student Union at Bosco Student Plaza, Jardine Apartment Complex, and Moore Hall, and transport an average of 40 students every Wednesday and Saturday. Some locations include Wal-Mart, the international food

store, ALDI and the mall "Manhattan doesn't have public transportation, and this year we have an increase in international students," said Manpreet Rai, graduate assistant of the international programs office.

Rai said with the increase of international students who don't own a vehicle, the shopping shuttle has become a very

valuable service. "The students are very appreciative of

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Rape reported

By Tiffany Roney KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A report of rape has been filed by the RCPD. The incident allegedly occurred in northwest Manhattan early in the morning on Saturday. The victim was in her early 30s, and the suspect was known to her, said Lt. H. Crosby Jr. said. The case is under further investigation.

THREE CASES OF INDECENT **LIBERTIES WITH A CHILD FILED**

The RCPD reported several incidents of indecent liberties with a child. One incident occurred between Thursday and Friday. The suspect was known to the victim, who was under the age of 14, and the case is under further investigation, Crosby said.

Another incident occurred in south-central Manhattan on Saturday or Sunday, Crosby said. The victim was less than 16 years of age, and the suspect was known to the victim, according to police. The case is under further investigation.

The third incident allegedly began on Jan. 1, 2004, and continued in northeast Manhattan until it was reported

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Do you think more than four unrelated people should be allowed to live together?



Yes. If they are all paying the bills I don't see what the problem is unless the building is too small.

Nathan Tinsley Junior, secondary education



66 If everyone is paying their rent for the total house they should be allowed to have however many people in that house.

Ana Tolento Senior, marketing



definitely whoever the tenants are, it should be up to them as long as they pay their bills.

Jaime Tobon Junior, biology



If they're paying for it, it should be OK if they meet the codes.

> Dr. Bunny Oryctolagus cuniculus

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Rec Services is accepting entries for the faculty/staff golf tournament taking place at the Wamego golf course on Friday. All current and retired K-State faculty and staff, graduate assistants and full-time employees are eligible to participate. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex before Tuesday. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sandeep Rana at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Chemistry/Biochemistry Building 437. The thesis topic is "Synthesis, Biophysical Analysis and Biological Evaluation of Trycyclic Pyrones and Pyridinones as Anti-Alzheimer Agents."

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring How to Work a Career Fair at 4 p.m. on Tuesday in K-State Student Union 212. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

Representatives from CIMBA Study Abroad in Italy will be hosting an information session from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday in Calvin 209. For more information or questions e-mail cimba@ksu.edu

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walkin Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Irene Nephew at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Bluemont 257. The thesis topic is "An Ethnographic Content Analysis of Children's Fiction Picture Books Reflecting African American Culture Published 2001-2005."

Lafene Health Center has seasonal flu vaccinations available for students, faculty and staff (age 18 and over). No appointment is necessary; walk-ins allowed on Thursdays, Sept. 17 and 24 and Oct. 1. Check in at Lafene's front desk. (H1N1 vaccines are not expected until mid to late October.) See Lafene's web site for updates and more info.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Career Closet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Résumé Critique from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

The K-State Challenge Course is offering a High Ropes Challenge event from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Come experience the power pole, heebie jeebie, flying squirrel and giant swing. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex before Wednesday. This event is for K-State students, faculty and staff and the general public. For more information and costs, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

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Career and Employment Services is sponsoring College of Business and College of Engineering Mock Interview Clinic from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday at the K-State Alumni Center. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Résumé Critique from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Midnight Resume Madness from 8 p.m. to midnight on Monday in the K-State Alumni Center Banquet Room. For more information, visit *k-state.edu/ces*.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in the September 14 issue of the Collegian.

On page one, the Collegian reported anyone wishing to park in the garage will need to purchase a regular parking pass and a radio frequency identification card. That is false. Anyone can park at the meters and pay \$1.50 an hour without having a pass or card.

The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

DAILY BLOTTER



To view the daily arrest report from the **Riley County Police** Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Check out the Edge on Page 8 for the latex low-down.

Which contraceptive do you prefer for you and your partner? **C)** Abstinence **B)** The pill A) Condoms **D)** Other

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Monday's results: Will you go see the movie "Good Dick"?

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Architecture professor inspires students

By Sheila Ellis KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

LaBarbara James Wigfall describes herself as a

"My students come first," said Wigfall, who is an associate professor in the department of landscape architecture and regional and community planning.

In an office filled with knick-knacks, photos of former students and architectural models stacked to the ceiling, Wigfall talks about her 21 years at K-State.

As a professor for freshman studio classes, Wigfall says she enjoys working with first-year landscape architecture students. Most of all, she loves seeing them grow from shy, scared freshman to confident seniors and leaders in their profession.

Students from her class describe her as a free-spirit and a professor that shows concern for all students.

One of Wigfall's former freshman studio students Elise Fagan, now a sophomore in landscape architecture, said on the first day of class Wigfall said "I need three things from you: eat well, sleep well and have a strong faith." Fagan said Wigfall has a "very genuine concern for her students."

As the advisor of one of the most active student groups in the college, National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAS) Wigfall connects with K-State students outside of the classroom as well.

One of her proudest endeavours to date: The Coretta Scott King Gardens of Engagement located on the southeast corner of Ahern Field House.

The student-designed garden will enhance the area in which a bust of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. sits, honoring the Civil-Rights activist and his visit to K-State in 1968.

The memorial site will consist of community gardens, an outside classroom space and an inspirational wall representing a timeline of King's life. The students involved in the project range from current members of NOMAS to alumni and partners with HOK, an international architectural firm.

"As a teacher the best thing you can do is to give students these extra resources and show them they are empowered, encouraged them to grow," she said. "These students leave this school with something they can be proud of and something that they can go back to"

Wigfall says her involvement with the King garden helped her combine her interests in teaching, landscape architecture, community planning and history.

Before coming to K-State, Wigfall was nationally recognized for her work with preserving the small Kansas town of Nicodemus, the last remaining African-American settlement west of the Mississippi. Wigfall's research prompted the National Park Service to dedicate the town as a National Historic Site in 1996.

Between classes and NOMAS, Wigfall gets around outside of Seaton hall too.

She is the faculty adviser for the historically black sorority Delta Sigma Theta and was the advisor for the gospel singing group, United Black Voices, for 15 years.

In 1996, she was recognized for her contributions to the advancement of multicultural students while at K-State as the recipient of the K-State Conoco Presidential Award for Distinguished Service to Minority Education.

Wigfall says she has enjoyed teaching diverse students at K-State. She says she always tries to open students eyes to other cultures besides their own.

"I hope one of my legacies here at K-State will be the myriad of students that leave this college knowing something about someone other than themselves," she said.

Peace Pole launches campaign for nonviolence

By Katie BraytonKANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In prelude to Sept. 21, the launch of K-State's National Nonviolence Campaign, a peace pole was planted on the corner of the UFM's lawn at Manhattan Avenue and Thurston Street on Friday.

The 9-foot granite pole was carved by Jim Bell, owner of Manhattan Monument, and his family of sixth-generation stonemasons from Beloit, Kan. The pole is planted to promote peace among the students of K-State.

"I think, as with most things, location is key," said Cammie Lehman, head of student volunteers for the nonviolence campaign. "Since the new peace pole is located in the UFM lawn, I know that lots of people will see it, ask questions and start having conversations about peace."

conversations about peace."

This pole is the third to be planted in Manhattan. The other two peace poles are located at Manhattan High School, as well as near Howie's Recycling Center in the Community Gardens.

"In the same way that billboards can advertise products, the peace pole monument 'advertises' peace," Lehman said. "It is a physical thing that people can see with their own eyes which is attached to a specific message."

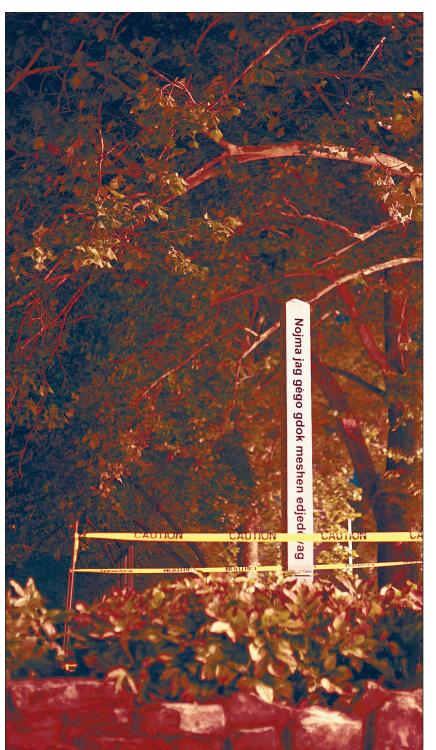
The peace pole will bear the saying "Where peace may prevail" in different languages.

"This is a beautiful example of a nonviolent action," said Mary Todd, the director of the K-State Women's Center

Languages selected for this pole are Japanese, as the peace pole project began in Japan; Dzongkha, the language of Bhutan where progress is measured in terms of "gross national happiness;" as well as English. In addition, as a way to acknowledge the interrelatedness of all beings on planet Earth, tracks of the opossum, heron, turtle and bison also are included.

"I hope the pole will become a gathering place for individuals and groups. I see the peace pole as a calm place to be — a breathing space where we can renew our expectation for peaceful human interactions and our resolve to learn the skills to make that happen," Susan Allen the director of nonviolence education said.

Next week will begin the campaign for Non-Violence. The campaign aims to promote peace and justice, as well as give K-State students the chance to get involved in helping prevent violent actions while encouraging peaceful interactions between students and the Manhattan community.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

A new Peace Pole stands on the corner of Thurston street and Manhattan avenue in-front of the UFM building as a marker for the launch of K-State's National Nonviolence Campaign.

"I think students and others are drawn to nonviolence work because foremost all of us see and/or sense people need to modernize the way we deal with problems and conflict, and nonviolence suggests hopeful alternatives. Projects these past 9 years have been possible because K-Staters stepped up to volunteer," Allen said.

The planting is a prelude to the launch of K-State's annual Campaign for Nonviolence Rally, Monday, Sept. 21, which will include an official dedication of the peace pole. Sept. 21 also is the International Day of Peace; it also marks the beginning of a decade of nonviolence education by the K-State Campaign for Nonviolence.

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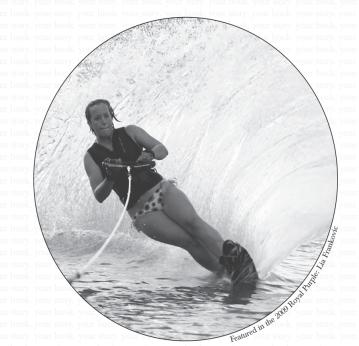
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Rental rules



Rental inspection necessary for safe living conditions

For some students, move-in day comes with a surprise, whether that surprise is an infestation of cockroaches in a closet or

deadly mold in a shower. However, move-in day does not have to come with these types of surprises anymore.

On Aug. 18, Manhattan city commissioners heard and approved the first reading of Ordinance 6784, which establishes mandatory rental inspections in Manhattan. This evening, the city commissioners will



MOLLY MCGUIRE

hear the second reading for mandatory rental inspection. Hopefully, for the health and safety of K-State students, they will approve the second reading as well.

According to assistant city manager Lauren Palmer's city commission agenda memo, this ordinance "would tie the issuance of a rental license to a rental inspection that ensured compliance with those portions of the International Property Maintenance Code that are similar to the Fort Riley Off-Post Housing Standards."

Rental inspection will increase the safety of K-State students and all citizens of Manhattan who live in rental housing. The ordinance calls for safety precaution that ranges from mandating

no electrical parts be exposed to ensuring there are well windows around all basement windows. It also will require staircases with more than four steps to have secure handrails. While most of these codes might seem fairly obvious, there are many rental houses that have at least one violation, which places residents in danger.

Some of these mandates have hit pretty close to home for me and have shown me the importance of these mandates. A close friend of mine who has a basement bedroom in her rental space noticed, after the first month of her lease, that the basement does not have well windows. When she explained to me it is dangerous not to have well windows in the case of a fire, I became resolved to fight for mandatory rental inspections.

Not only do rental inspections increase the safety of students, they insure that the health of renters is not threatened by their homes. This ordinance ensures there is no mold, rodent or insect infestations within the rental unit. Not only are rodents and insects simply gross to have in your home, they also can spread diseases within the home to furry friends or tenants.

Perhaps the highest threat to our health is mold in our living area. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mold can cause or worsen certain illnesses (e.g., some allergic and occupation-related diseases and infections in health care settings).

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of the ordinance is its requirement of all rental units to have heating units that will keep the units at 65 degrees or warmer. With the extremely cold, icy and windy winters in Kansas, the idea of coming home to a warm house after walking back from class is particularly appealing.

While the health and safety of tenants should be the most important focus when discussing the rental inspection, there still is a lot of opposition from

renters.

The biggest argument against rental inspection is the claim that rent will increase because of the inspection fee of
\$65 every three to five years and the improvement cost for landlords, who must

make their rental unit up to code.

If the \$1.81 it takes each month to cover the rental inspection is too much for landlords to absorb, then I am confident as a tenant I would be willing to take on that sum to ensure I live in a safe and healthy home.

If you live in a home that you do not feel is up to code, I would suggest you first call code services for Manhattan at 785-587-4506 and come to the city commission meeting this evening at 7 in City Hall to encourage your representatives to vote for mandatory rental inspection.

Molly McGuire is a sophomore in political science and speech. Please send comments to opinion@ spub.ksu.edu.

THE FOURUM 785-395-4444

The Campus Fourum is the Collegian's anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

To the guys playing polo on bicycles on the tennis court: You guys totally rock.

A chick walked by and totally saw it; someone had roofied her unopened beer.

Kanye West is the meanest person ever. Go Tay-Tay!

Looks like I'll be switching my major to procrastination.

To the car with the Jayhawk license plate: Were you born stupid, or is this a recent thing?

If only I could major in procrastination.

Is it bad that the G-Phi house getting TP'd actually brightened my morning?

The mustache is back, and it's got a reputation. Hey now, hey now. The mustache is back.

I just had an allergic reaction to a temporary tattoo. Curse you, red dye

If animal farms are causing global warming, then I guess we need to kill more animals.

Liars go to hell. Just saying.

Hey, Kevin, did your girlfriend know you were screwing around on her?

So my friend goes to UNL, and she hates their newspaper so much that she reads the Collegian online.

To the girl writing "Go KU" and "Rock Chalk Jayhawk" all over her paper in psych class: Screw you.

To the girl in the turquoise blouse at the AGR party on 9/11: Thank you for a little glimpse of heaven.

I Google-searched "Up Butt with a Coconut," and I like potatoes better.

Testicle. That is all.

Hey, downstairs neighbor. Sorry, I'm not 300 pounds. It's just my two cats. I think they might have lost their sanity.

Hey, if you thought organic chemistry II was going to be easier than organic chemistry I, you just got punked.

Hey, Kevin the redheaded Irishman, your girlfriend deserves better than you. She should date one of those guys from Farmhouse instead.

My girlfriend is the best. The best I ever had. Beep.

There can't be so many cool people in the world, so if you drive a Mustang, you're not cool.

Beep beep beep like a Motorola.

Walking is so overrated.



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Constitution Day will be a bittersweet holiday

There are many issues Democrats and Republicans disagree on. Debates over health care and

on. Debates over cap-and-trade have revealed the rift that can easily develop between the two sides of the aisle. Yet among these disagreements, there is one ideal that can bridge the gap between the parties and unite them



JONATHAN NEBEL

into one harsh voice of disgust. This is their collective ignorance of and abhorrence for the U.S. Constitution.

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitutional Convention signed the contract that developed the form of government we have now. Sept. 17 is celebrated as Constitution Day. The founders created a limited government that had only 18 specific and enumerated powers that are listed in Article I, Section 8.

These powers included the power to tax, create post offices and declare war. Along with these powers were the General Welfare and Necessary and Proper clauses, both found in Article 1, Section 8. Unfortunately, these clauses have been construed to be grants of power when, in fact, they were to most a restriction on power.

For Congress to pass a law, it has to help the general welfare, be both necessary and proper and specifically allowed by one of the listed powers. According to the 10th Amendment, all powers that were not specifically listed were granted to the states or the people.

Unfortunately, this simple scheme has been forgotten, and constitutional abuses abound on both sides of the aisle. The "chains of the Constitution," as Jefferson called them, have unfortunately been loosened by Congress frequently since Washington's presidency.

President Adams signed the Alien and Sedition Acts, allowing the government to arrest and detain those who disagreed with the Federalists in power. President Lincoln arrested a congressman who disagreed with him and destroyed the foundation of our republic, federalism and states' rights.

President Franklin D.
Roosevelt stole the people's gold and forced farmers to burn their

crops and plow over perfectly good fields as others starved. President Truman sent troops to Korea with no formal declaration of war from Congress.

President George W. Bush allowed federal officers to search people's private property without a warrant and even without informing the subject of the search. Today, the chains have no effect, and the oath that all public servants must take has become more a tradition than a call to duty.

Both Republicans and Democrats have torn apart the Constitution. Republicans have allowed the government to intrude into our private lives. Democrats have restricted free choice and imposed more and more regulations over the economy that are not allowed anywhere in the Constitution.

Constitution.

Worst of all are the issues on which the two sides agree to throw the Constitution out. Both Republicans and Democrats supported the unconstitutional wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and though Obama and the Democrats in power said they would end these wars, they have only sent more troops to Afghanistan. Both parties support unconstitutional programs like Medicare,

Medicaid, Social Security and bloated bureaucracies like the Department of Education, the Securities Exchange Commission and the Department of Energy, to list a few.

The most disgusting offense is the support by both parties of the coercive bank cartel that has been given a monopoly over creating dollars, the Federal Reserve.

The founders of this country had a simple idea: freedom works. This idea is as true now as it was then. The chains must be reattached. Power-hungry politicians now have no restriction upon their power, and if this doesn't change, the system will collapse.

Fortunately, there are groups who have held true to the Constitution no matter which party is in power. Campaign for Liberty and Young Americans for Liberty, which has a chapter on campus that will be celebrating Constitution Day on Thursday, have consistently defended liberty, freedom and the essence of our fine republic: the Constitution.

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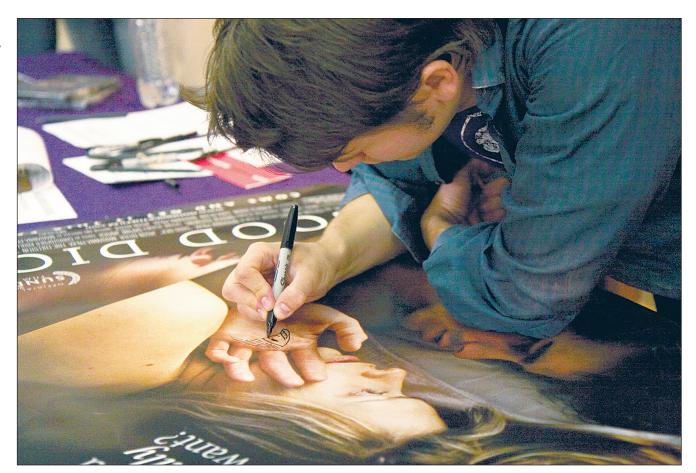
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'Good Dick' actors talk with fans after show

Jason Ritter, male lead in "Good Dick," sketches a man for a fan on her poster.



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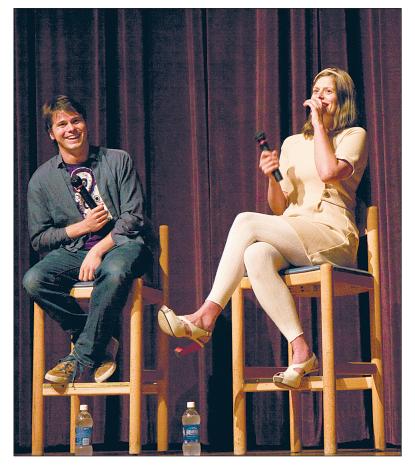


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Above: Anna Knackstedt, junior in political science and French, talks with lead actress of the movie "Good Dick," Marianna Palka, while lead actor, Jason Ritter signs a poster. Beth Bailey, Assistant Director of the Union Program Council, observes.

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Right: "Good Dick" leads, **Jason Ritter** and **Marianna Palka**, share a moment of laughter with their audience during Q&A that followed the screening of their movie. "Good Dick" won the New Director's Award at the Edinburgh International Film Festival in 2008 and captured a nomination for dramatic acting in the Sundance Film Festival.



RENTALS

City to discuss ordinance specifics

Continued from Page 1

be inspected as a single dwelling unit. "That's just a pamphlet, the wording on that needs to be changed. I will make sure [the city management] will get that changed."

Muir said his role on the panel to write the ordinance amendment was for two purposes. First, he was to make sure K-State was exempt from the ordinance since the university must go through more rigorous inspections through the state than those of the city, and second to make sure that the fraternities and sororities would not have to pay more in inspection permits. The definition of a dwelling unit included "rooming house, congregate residence, dormitory and fraternity/sorority" so that only a single permit would be issued instead of one permit per dorm room or congregate residence.

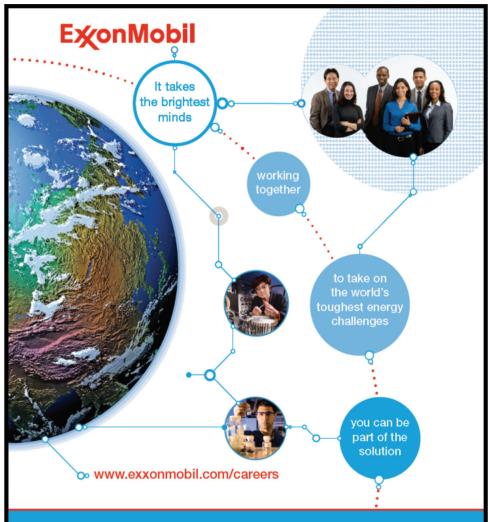
Claussen said the pamphlet was "absolutely not" in its final format. He said the city did not want to spend a great deal of time on creating the pamphlet if the ordinance was declined. The pamphlet was also something that did not need to be voted on but was a way to inform the commission and the public of how the new ordinance would work.

"We can certainly clarify that [the number of individuals permitted to live in sororities/fraternities] in the pamphlet," Claussen said. "The fraternities and sororities are definitely not limited to four [residents]."

David Becker, house manager for Acacia fraternity and junior in biological systems engineering, said the way the pamphlet is worded is wrong and that effects would be negative for K-State, as well as the Manhattan community.

"We have a growing greek system, and that is rare for any university," said Lee Van Lornen, Interfraternity Council director of community and internal relations and senior in accounting. "K-State would be losing a lot if they lost the greek system, and that's what would happen."

City commissioners are scheduled to vote on the proposed ordinance during the commission meeting which begins at 7 p.m. in the city commission room in City Hall located at 1101 Poyntz Ave.



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Special teams struggle

Now that head coach Bill Snyder's second tenure is under way and we've had a chance to

see some of his work in action, one key gamechanging modification has caught my eye in both of the first two football games.

No, it is not the strug-

gling offense.

Replacing Josh



GRANT GUGGISBERG

Freeman was going to be tough for any quarterback, and it's becoming more and more clear Coffman and Gregory are not able to make the big plays required from the quarterback position. With the exception of Daniel Thomas' big output on the ground, the Wildcat offense has been largely forgettable, but not necessarily surprising.

It is also not the improved play of the defense. If there was one thing I know Snyder could change right away, it was the play of the defense, especially in stopping the ground game of the opposing team. The Wildcats have looked solid defensively, albeit against teams with less-than-stellar track records as solid offenses.

So that leaves us with special teams, the third and often lessemphasized facet of the game. In both the Massachusetts and the Lousiana-Lafayette games, blunders on special teams gave all the momentum to the opposing team. This is especially hard to watch as the Prince-era special teams produced many great plays, with blocked kicks and long touchdown returns fairly common.

In week one against Massachusetts, it was a blocked punt and a dropped punt return. Each of those two mistakes led to Minutemen touchdowns and overshadowed what would have been a good day for a Wildcat defense that struggled last season. Luckily, those mistakes did not end up costing the team a much-needed victory in front of more than

However, this past weekend down in Lafayette, La., special teams blunders did cost the Wildcats the game. Kicker Josh Cherry went 0 for 2 on field goal attempts and just 1 for 2 on extra point at-

Cherry's first field goal attempt in the first quarter was a chip-in from 24 yards that sailed wide right. His second attempt came in the third quarter from 47 yards. This kick also sailed right but was at least from a respectable distance.

Later, in the fourth quarter, Daniel Thomas threw a touchdown pass to make the score 14-8, but Cherry missed the extra point. While not being scored as a field goal miss, there was also a fumbled snap on a 38-yard attempt that if nothing else, shows that the field goal team needs more prac-

It was not until the halfway point of the fourth quarter that Cherry was able to put something through the uprights, an extra point that gave K-State a onepoint lead. It didn't last, however, as Ragin' Cajun kicker Tyler Albrecht converted his first collegiate field goal attempt, a 48yard kick with less than a minute to play that all but sealed the Wildcats' fate. When asked if he would be making any changes to the kicking game, Snyder said he is not planning anything.

"The youngster we have has really, up until this particular point in time, practiced well for us and hit the ball well," Snyder said in a Monday teleconference. "We put a great deal of time and effort into [the kicking game] as well."

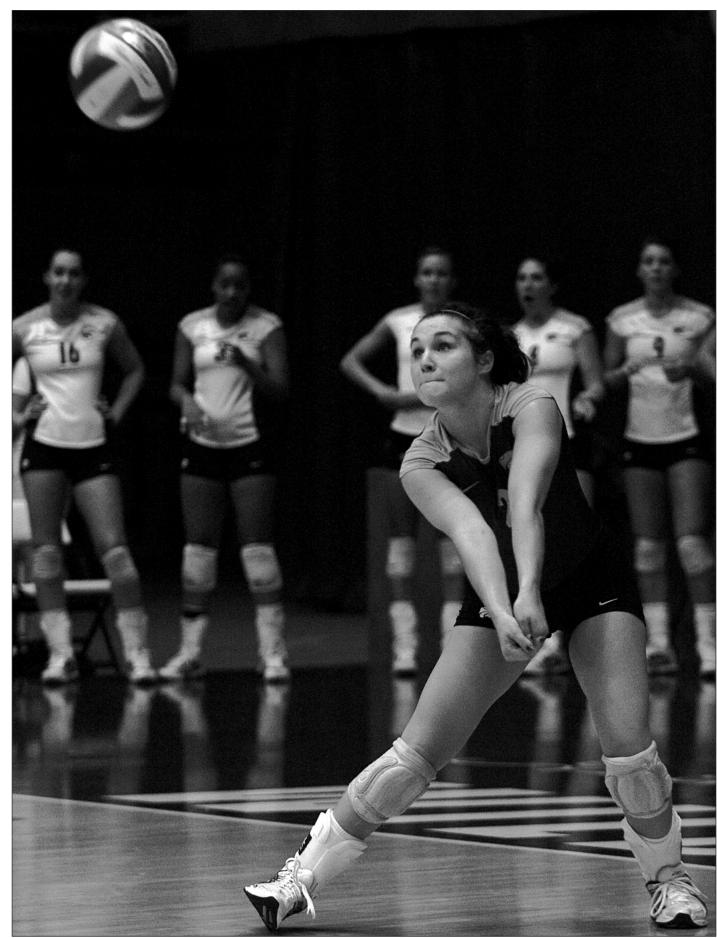
Snyder said Cherry is "pained" by his struggles and truly cares about the team.

"The major thing right now is to re-establish his confidence," he said. "I have great confidence in him, and we'll just continue to work with him. I think he'll move forward and eventually become the kicker that I'm quite confident he's capable of becoming."

K-State fans should hope that he regains his confidence quickly, or this could be a long and frustrating season for everyone involved – especially on the road in a big-time environment at UCLA this weekend.

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Libero leader



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Junior libero Lauren Mathewson goes for a bump during the game against Purdue Saturday evening. Mathewson has 868 career digs.

Off the court with Lauren Mathewson

THE LAUREN

Year: Junior

Major: Business

Matches played: 74

Matches started: 17

Specialist

Aces: 48

Assists: 129

Digs: 868

MATHEWSON FILE

Position: Libero/Defensive

Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.

High School: Park Hill South

Q: For those who don't know, explain your role as the team's libero.

A: First of all, you can go in and out [of the game] multiple times. Normally you go in for middle, and you get to serve, once. Specifically, my role on this team is just to be a leader and a motivator through being on the libero. It gives me the opportunity to be on the court longer.

Q: What made you want to come to K-State?

A: I loved the coaches. Suzie — as soon as I met her — I could tell she really cared about her players and just genuinely wanted us to be better people, on and off the court. I met the girls, and they were great. It seemed like the coaches were recruiting girls from great places and going great places, so mainly the girls and the coaches are what brought me here.

Q: What is your most memorable highlight at K-State?

A: Probably Baylor last year. We were down 0-2, and we came back and won it, and we were down like 14-9 or 10 in the fifth game and we came back and won it. So it was pretty crazy.

Q: What are some of your goals as an individual and as a team?

A: As for me, I'm just always trying to get better, and then ultimately, I want to be one of the top liberos in the nation. I'm always there every practice, trying to improve my passing and improve my digging, or motivating the other girls and making them better. So I think as a team, we're all young and new, and so we're trying to be there for each other. So our goal is to get better each day and take each team one at a time.

Q: Was it intimidating playing immediately as a freshman?

A: I think it would have been, but I played with Lauren Rosenthal and Angie Lastra who are the two most awesome people I've ever met. So I think they made it a lot less difficult and a lot less scary for me. They made it comfortable for me back there.

Q: Which teammate are you most likely to hang out with when you're not

on the court? A: JuliAnne Chisholm, I mean, we all hang out

together, and we all love each other, but Jules is my roommate. We know when we have to be alone and when we need our space, so she knows me pretty well. It's good.

Q: Do you have any hobbies when you're not on the court?

A: When I'm not playing, which isn't very often, I like to read. I'm a nerd. I also like to play golf.

Q: What are your plans for after college?

A: I dream of being a wedding planner, but it's not likely. So we'll just see how it goes.

Q: Is there a rivalry between you and your sister who attended KU?

A: She always jokes that she'll never wear purple, but my senior year I'm going to rip it on her if I have to. She loves me, and she's there for me, but she always has to put in her little joke of the day.



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN Mathewson serves to Purdue during the Varney's invitational Saturday evening. The Cats lost in the fifth set against the Boilermakers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN'S GOLF FINISHES 9TH IN SEASON OPENER

The K-State men's golf team carded a 15-over par 299 in Sunday's final round at the Wolf Run Intercollegiate to finish in ninth place in its first tournament of the 2009-10 season Wolf Run Golf Club.

"The course was very tough again today," said head coach Tim Norris. "Mitch [Gregson] and Joe [Kinney] played great tournaments for us, but if we had a little bit more support we



Gregson

seventh place. Sean Dale of North Florida took home the individual title with an 11-under par

would have been pretty decent this

K-State shot a 54-hole score of

33-over par 885, just three

shots behind Penn State for

Gregson posted an evenpar 71 Sunday, giving him a three-round total of 2-under par 211, finishing tied with fellow Wildcat Kinney for

fifth place. -K-State Sports Information

FORMER WILDCATS ADVANCE TO WNBA PLAYOFFS

Former Kansas State All-Americans Shalee Lehning and Nicole Ohlde will play in the 2009 WNBA playoffs beginning Wednes-

Lehning, starting point guard for the Atlanta Dream, registered a career-high 15 points to go with three assists and three rebounds in the Dream's playoff-clinching 88-64 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Friday night in Atlan-

ta. Since joining the starting lineup on July 15 at Minnesota, Lehning has helped the Dream to a 12-7 re-

Lehning

cord in her 19 starts. Prior to that contest, Atlanta was just 6-8.

Ohlde, a six-year veteran center, helped the Phoenix Mercury to the league's best record this season (23-10) and the top seed in the Western Conference. The Mercury will begin playoff action on Thursday against

San Antonio in Phoenix. -K-State Sports Information

Tattered, torn and tossed



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Tattered remnants of Collegians fill the air around the student section in Ahearn Field House Saturday afternoon as K-State students welcome their volleyball team to battle against Portland on the court. It is a K-State tradition for fans to throw shreds of newspapers into the air at volleyball and basketball games when the Cats starting line-up is announced.

Thousands watch ESPN's 3-D broadcast of Ohio State-USC game

By Asher Feldman DAILY TROJAN, USC

Thousands of people poured into the Galen Center on Saturday decked in Cardinal and Gold, but they weren't going to see a USC basketball game.

Instead, the 7,500 people who attended the ESPN viewing this Saturday saw a historic college football game - in ee dimensions.

With the Trojans in Columbus, Ohio, for their highly anticipated matchup with the No. 8 Ohio State Buckeyes, many faithful Trojan fans were looking for a way to experience the game without actually making the trip to Ohio Stadium. ESPN gave Trojans fans just that, as the Galen Center saw the first-ever broadcast of a college football game in RealD, which has been used in the past for movies such as Monsters vs. Aliens and the recent X-Games 3-D: The Movie.

The RealD experience is not what one might expect from a 3-D broadcast. Instead of images popping out of the screen, the feed – combined with special glasses which look much like the classic wayfarers of RayBan fame – create the illusion of depth, which provides a much more realistic viewing expe-

The Galen Center's broadcast was not the only place to see the game in 3-D this weekend, as ESPN set up six other broadcast areas around the country, including the theater at L.A. Live.

The game experience seemed so realistic that fans might confuse the atmosphere for that of the Coliseum. The crowd shouted when the Buckeyes had the ball, and hushed when the Trojans drove on offense. They jeered whenever a Buckeye was even mentioned or shown on screen.

By halftime, with the score tied at 10, many were impressed by the 3-D viewing experience.

Jared Greiner, a junior majoring in interactive entertainment, was among those enjoying the broadcast enough to stay for the remainder of the game.

"It's very cool, I'm glad I came," Greiner said at halftime of the game. "I wasn't planning on staying for the whole game, but I think I will now. As long as the game stays close?

But Greiner, along with most of the crowd, was somewhat confused about how it all worked. Ed Cunningham, who joined Bob Davie and Mark Jones as the specialized broadcast team for the 3-D feed, had some explanation early in the first quarter.

Two images are being pumped out into the [Galen Center], just like your eyes," Cunningham said. "The game is shot at a little different angle than you're used to seeing. It's like a stop sign, from a distance it doesn't look like it has much dimension, but as you get closer, there is more dimension to

The crowd never seemed to care much for the real engineering behind the extravaganza, though. They only cared about the game.

As the game came down to the final minutes, the crowd was treated to the most realistic viewing experience they could have had without being at Ohio Stadium. When freshman quarterback Matt Barkley led the Trojans to the final scoring drive of the game, all of his passes were seen in three dimensions, as were all of junior Joe McKnight's game-chang-

At the end of the night, the fans were asked to return their glasses in recycling bins to be reused, likely for one of the various 3-D movies that were previewed during commercial breaks. Because the game was so exhilirating, it was unclear how much the 3-D angles contributed to the fans' post-

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf middle of pack after day one

By Tyler Scott KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With 14 teams in the Chip-N Club Invitational and day one complete, the K-State women's golf team sits at sixth place at 17-overpar. The team trails tournament leader and Big 12 foe Missouri by six strokes.

Junior Elise Houtz and sophomore Ami Storey are currently the Wildcat leaders at three-over-par. They are both tied for 14th overall individually.

Through the front nine, Houtz struggled a bit with three bogeys, but in the back nine she managed one bogey and one birdie.

Storey started shooting six pars and a birdie in the front nine, but struggled through the back nine as she had only one birdie and three bogeys. Both finished the first round with a score of 75.

Another one of the Wildcats' prominent players, senior Abby Sunner, finished with a score of 77. While only scoring two birdies, she bogeyed three times and double-bogeyed twice.

The Wildcats' in-state rival KU sits at third place with a 13-over-par.

Despite the team's first round struggles, the Wildcats are only four strokes back from the top three.

K-State and the rest of the field are scheduled to tee off again tomorrow for the final round at 2 p.m. Houtz and Morgan Moon will shoot from the first tee.







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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

Condom Quiz

1) Where does latex come from?

A. Plastic B. Oil

C. Trees

D. Animal glutton

2) What is the average length of an erection?

A. 4.5 inches

B. 5.8 inches

C. 6.8 inches

D. 7.1 inches

3) What is the most popular condom brand?

A. Lifestyles B. Durex

C. Crown

D. Trojan

4) What percentage of people are allergic to latex?

A. 2% B. 6%

C. 10% D. 14%

5) How often do condoms break?

A. Less than 2%

B. 2%-5%

D. 8%-11%

C. 5%-8%

6) How many condoms are used

per year worldwide? A. 120 million

B. 5.8 billion

C. 10.4 billion

D. 20.5 billion

7) How often do condoms slip off during sex?

A. 1%

B. 5%

C. 10% D. 13%

8) How many Americans carry

herpes? A. 5 million

B. 20 million

C. 55 million D. 10 billion

9) How many sperm would it take to entirely fill a standard condom?

A. 7.4 thousand

B. 7.4 million

C. 7.4 billion D. 7.4 trillion

10) How many standard condoms would it take end-to-end to go around the earth?

A. 40 million

B. 80 million

C. 150 million

D. 230 million

For the answers visit *kstatecollegian.com*.

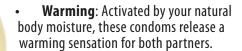


Condoms offer different styles, materials

Matt Binter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With so many different types of condoms, it can be confusing choosing which is right for you and your partner. Here is a breakdown of some of the options to assist you in your search:

> Twisted: These condoms have a twist toward the closed end in order to stimulate the most sensitive areas of both partners.



Ribbed: These condoms have a ribbed texture on the outside to add extra pleasure for the female.

Studded: Similar to the ribbed condoms, these have a studded texture.

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Standard: Your everyday smooth condom, it gets the job done.

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Students disagree about marital contraceptive use

By Elena Buckner KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For Scott Wiens, graduate student in bio-agricultural engineering, sex is a good thing. However, he said he wants to make sure he partakes in it for the right reasons.

"Just because someone is abstinent doesn't mean they are afraid of engaging in sexuality," Wiens said.

Wiens is one of many students across the nation who chooses to abstain from sex until marriage. These students made this decision for many reasons: religious beliefs, fear of STDs, pregnancy or a simple want to make sure the relationship is "forever" before taking any clothes off.

Whatever the reason, many students of varying faiths and backgrounds agree that sex is something that belongs within the bounds of marriage. Opinions vary, however, when it comes to the use of con-

Adam Clement, sophomore in accounting, said using contraceptives like condoms or "the pill" is not the natural way sex is meant to be experienced.

"[Contraceptives] complicate things, and [even when using them] you can't really be certain," he said. "Pregnancy is supposed to be a

good thing, not something you're trying to avoid." Other students disagree, say-

ing there are times in a couple's life that pregnancy could be an unwanted burden and that using contraceptives can be a good way to prevent it.

Rachel Engle, senior in family studies and human services, said newly married couples often are not ready for the responsibilities of a child; in those instances, contraceptives can be extremely helpful.

Pregnancy prevention aside, few people would disagree with a couple's desire to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, however, condoms are not a sure-fire way to protect from many STDs.

The organization's Web site states that latex condoms prevent diseases that "are transmitted only by genital fluids (STDs such as gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis and HIV infection) than against infections that are transmitted primarily by skin-to-skin contact, which may or may not infect areas covered by a condom (STDs such as genital herpes, human papillomavirus [HPV] infection, syphilis and chancroid)?

Not only can condoms fail to

prevent transmission of certain STDs, the birth control pill also has its own set of concerns.

"There can be a lot of long-term effects of the pill that I think people are just discovering, like links to breast cancer and infertility," Engle said.

Though the reasons for choosing abstinence are vast, the jury is still out for some students on whether the pill and condoms have a place in their married sex lives. Either way, the most effective method of pregnancy and disease prevention is still abstinence and, for many students, that reason alone is enough for them to keep their clothes on.

Comedy Central veteran to perform at Union tonight

By Shelton Burch KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Gina Brillon, a standup comedian who has been featured on Comedy Central, is scheduled to be featured as part of the Union Program Council's Multicultural Awareness Month.

Brillon, who began doing stand-up comedy at the age of 18, plans to visit K-State at 8 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Forum Hall.

Brillon, who is also a published poet, came from the streets of New York where she first performed at "Stand-UP," a performance that earned her the popularity to get her career started, according to ComedyCentral.com. From there, she went on to perform on "New Faces of Comedy."

Jesus Garcia, UPC multicultural committee co-chairman, explained that Brillon was chosen because she is Latina and a woman, both of which are rare in stand-up comedy. Also, being Puerto Rican makes her appeal a little different from that of other comedians.

"Since this month is Hispanic Heritage month, we tried to appeal to that audience," Garcia said.

Ben Hopper, UPC program adviser, said this is the week each committee



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of the UPC puts together different events to show-case what they do.

"For their part of it, the multicultural committee chose to bring in Brillon," he said. Hopper said the show would be "adult only" in theme, just as most stand-up comedy acts are, but said it will still be a great addition to UPC Awareness Month.

iPhone app tracks N1H1 outbreaks

By Melody Y. Hu

A new iPhone application called "Outbreaks Near Me" that allows users to track and report local outbreaks of infectious disease was released Tuesday.

Developed by researchers at Children's Hospital Boston and the MIT Media Lab, the application combines the GPS system of the iPhone with outbreak tracking information from Health-Map.org, a web prowling system that mines official and unofficial Internet data sources for information on outbreaks of emerging, infectious diseases.

"Outbreaks Near Me" provides "location based alerting" of infectious disease outbreaks, according to HealthMap co-founder John S. Brownstein, assistant professor at the Children's Hospital Informatics Program (CHIP). Users can also choose for

alerts to notify them of new local outbreaks.

"If people know what's happening around them, they might be more likely to take basic precautions," such as washing their hands and getting vaccinated, Brownstein said.

On top of alerting users to outbreaks, the application allows users to submit reports, even photos if they want, of potential outbreaks from their own phones, which will be reviewed by HealthMap, according to HealthMap cofounder Clark Freifeld.

Harvard's University Health Services Director David S. Rosenthal said the application will probably not be helpful in diagnosing individual H1N1 cases, but it is a "very interesting technique" that could provide health officials with additional information on general trends.

"Using more contemporary ways of reporting what's going on in the communi-

ty can help public health officials find out [about disease outbreaks] at the earliest possible moment," Donald A. Goldmann, professor in Immunology and Infectious Disease at Harvard Medical School, said when asked about the application. "This is a nifty, portable way to get people's attention, especially young people."

Some students, however, are skeptical of whether the application will be useful in practice.

Russell C.S. Mason said he would probably not use the application. "I think it would be really stressful and incite a lot of panic."

And Sean R. Singh said, "I hardly use many of the apps on my phone; if it was important it would show up on my News app. I'm not going to spend my time worrying about H1N1."

"Outbreaks Near Me" is available for download at no cost in the iTunes App Store.

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Colleges across nation offer classes in Harry Potter, vampires, hip-hop

By Sydney Ember

While some students are nodding off during mandatory writing seminars, others are passionately discussing Voldemort's childhood in a class called "Special Topics in Reading Popular Culture: Harry Potter" at Ohio State University, and Dracula's bloodsoaked fangs in a course titled "Got Blood: Vampires in Literature and Film" at Aurora University.

These classes are just two of the many offbeat courses taught at some of the country's universities and colleges, courses with names like Alfred University's "Maple Syrup: The Real Thing," Indiana University's "The History of the Beatles," and Occidental Colleges "Stupidity."

Brielle Friedman, a sophomore at Brown University, said "the most influential part" in choosing a course is positive reviews from previous students, the name would "definitely make me consider it more strongly." She also said she is considering taking a class this semester called "Hip Hop Music and Cultures" taught by Professor of Africana Studies Tricia Rose.

And take Indiana University's hybrid music appreciation and history class on the Fab Four taught by Professor of Music Glenn Gass each fall semester. Since 1982, he has been attracting a wide range of students — he said the course lures more than 350 people per year — eager to argue about some of the most famous 60s rock anthems.

"I treat it mainly as a music appreciation class," Gass said. "The class has gotten bigger, and the Beatles have gotten more popular."

During his semester-

long survey class, which satisfies a quarter of the semester credit requirement, Gass said he expects students to

read a biography about the Beatles and complete exams consisting of multiple choice questions and short answers. But because the class is so large, Gass said he doesn't require his students to write papers.

Instead, Gass stresses listening skills and the ability to identify each Beatle's unique style of song writing while encouraging indepth study of the iconic group's recordings.

"I never get tired of the Beatles," Gass said. "There's just such joy surrounding the Beatles, I don't really feel like a teacher in that class." At the end of the semester, Gass said he hopes students will leave with both a better historical appreciation for the Beatles and more developed listening skills.

At Ohio State University-Lima, students can delve into the seven book Harry Potter series in a 10-week course taught by English professor Beth Sutton-Ramspeck. The class is demanding, with the expectation that students read all seven books in the epic series during the winter quarter.

And though Sutton-Ramspeck does not intend to teach the course this year – OSU is in the process of transitioning to a semester system – she wrote in an email that she thoroughly enjoyed teaching this class. "It was quite possibly the most fun course I've ever taught," she wrote. "Students were engaged and excited all quarter."

The class fostered lively discussions, she said, especially in the final class analysis about how readers should evaluate the character Severus Snape

The class was technically a literature course, but Sutton-Ramspeck said it evolved into a course focused more on textual analysis. In her email, she added that even students who "might not ordinarily be re-

ceptive to discussions symbolism" found themselves eagerly arguing about alchemy's medieval symbolism and religious themes.

Although she said many students were eager to read more than the day's assignment, Sutton-Ramspeck did have one strict rule: students could not discuss material past the current day's assignment to protect students who had not yet read the books.

Other students interested in fantastical literature at Aurora University in Illinois can fulfill their love for vampires — and four credit hours at a cost of about \$2,000 — in Assistant Professor of English Donovan Gwinner's class called "Got Blood," a 3-week spring survey class about vampires in popular culture.

But the course is no walk in the park. Students are sometimes required to read about 200 pages a night from classics such as "Dracula" and more contemporary novels including "Twilight." But maybe that laborious schedule is just part of the class requirement.

What better way to immerse students in a vampire's true character than to encourage all-night readings under an eerily moonlit sky?

And for those students who prefer pancakes to fangs, there's a class at Alfred University in New York about maple syrup. But don't be fooled: the course is based in history science and demands a love of frigid temperatures.

And with all these quirky courses, why would students want to study organic chemistry again when they could read works such as "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" while eating a warm plate of maple-syrup covered waffles and listening to the Beatles on their iPods instead?

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Internet addiction center opens in Washington

By Sakura Robles ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

The first residential treatment center for Internet addiction just opened its doors in Redmond, Wash. The center, called ReSTART, offers a 45-day program to people who want to receive treatment for any type of pathological computer use, from video games to

Internet addiction is currently not categorized as a separate disorder by the American Psychological Association, however some experts feel that the Internet is an addictive and damaging entity within itself.

The Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery, located at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, Ill., treats individuals with Internet as a sole addiction.

"It is what the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders call a 'process addiction," IIAR Corporate Services Bob Stenander said. "It is caused by repeating the same behaviors over and over, and classified as an impulse control disorder.

"This disorder can go from spending too much time on the Internet, in excess to what you [individuals] have planned.

"The online game 'World of Warcraft' is a popular source. People get hooked on it and can forget to go to class, and basically received adverse consequences from

Although many institutions believe Internet can be a sole addiction within itself, some side with the APA's stance in agreeing the Internet is problematic, but not an addiction.

"I do see compulsive use of the Internet," Illinois State University Staff Counselor of Student Counseling Services Andy Novinska said. "But it is not only the Internet, it also has to do with pornography, gambling or social networking."

Novinska believes the Internet, and the computer itself, can be used as a portal to other types of addic-

"Even the computer can create a very strong reaction, but people use it as a gateway," Novinska said. "They [individuals] can go on Facebook for hours and obsess over what is written or use the Internet as a way to get easy access to free pornography.

"I have seen people who play 'World of Warcraft' or gamble online, and are monopolizing so much of their time towards it. It is a classical characteristic of addiction, but it does not necessarily mean it is the Internet [they are addicted to]."

The study also suggests many of the people treated are compulsively using the Internet as a symptom of another mental illness, such as depression or conditions like autism

'It may be depression or anxiety that's the problem, and they are using the Internet to numb themselves," Novinska said. "They may even start a SSRI [Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor for these compulsions and it may help with the behavior."

Regardless of the opinion of whether or not the Internet can be categorized as an addiction, it is suggested by the study to seek treatment for any type of problematic behavior involving the Internet.

'There is no such diagnosis of Internet addiction, but does it mean it's not a problem? No. Any compulsion is problematic," Novinska said. "Whether you call it an addiction or not and are neglecting your time, it is an issue and [individuals] need help."

Students can contact Student Counseling Services for any types of problems with addiction, and problematic or compulsive behaviors.

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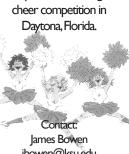
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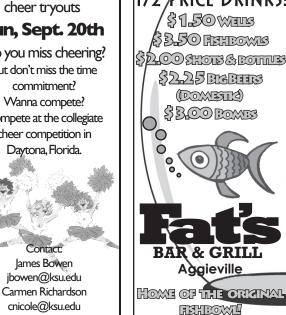
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Eating meat not a danger to society

Editor,

In an attempt to understand some of the issues raised in Beth Mendenhall's "Vegetarianism: More than just a lifestyle," I find it necessary to thoroughly examine her article and its inherent flaws.

First and foremost, most students appreciate that K-State is a land-grant college. By the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890, funds were allocated to states to establish institutions of higher learning in which agriculture, engineering and science were to be emphasized. Naturally, the agricultural basis on which K-State was founded in 1863 has carried into today, which leads many to question the validity of Mendenhall's message.

According to the article, Mendenhall maintains that "eating meat is bad for the environment and human health and causes billions of animals to suffer needlessly."

I feel it is pertinent to note that

the consumption of meat will not result in the contamination of the water table. Furthermore, according to the Kansas Beef Council, proteinrich meat facilitates muscle metabolism, which plays an essential role in the prevention of osteoporosis, type-2 diabetes and many other condi-

Also, the debilitating disease known as sarcopenia is caused by insufficient animal-based protein consumption. To add to that, there are 29 cuts of beef that meet or exceed the requirements for the government label "lean," therefore negating Mendenhall's claim that meat is bad for human health.

The claim that "eating meat causes billions of animals to suffer needlessly" has no standing in today's agricultural society. Since the passing of the Horse Slaughter Ban, animal-rights activists have actually increased the incidence of animal cruelty. With nowhere for people to

take their equine investments, they resort to turning their horses into the wild to suffer and starve to death.

'Slaughterhouses are a necessary evil," said Idaho State Brand Commissioner Larry Hayhurst. "Euthanasia is far more preferable to mistreating a horse by releasing it into the wild."

So, a big thanks to the animalrights activism for precipitating the animal suffering they intend to pre-

With that being said, I'd like to remind the vegetable lovers out there of K-State's motto: "Rule by Obeying Nature's Laws." From a historical standpoint, it goes quite against nature's laws not to eat meat. And one more thing ... the front of my truck does not boast a K-State license plate that says "Eat Vegetables."

Pig treatment justified

Kyla Reinhardt SOPHOMORE IN FAMILY STUDIES AND **HUMAN SERVICES**

Meet your meat

I am a member of the K-State Collegiate Cattlewomen club, and as a member of this agricultural group I am proud to voice my opinion on Beth Mendenhall's column. It is filled with opinionated farce instead of cold, hard facts. It resembles a pitiful use of journalism, and people like Mendenhall need to take one Intro to Animal Science class to get the information needed to write an article filled with correct information about the industry.

What is even more sad is that this college was built on agricultural aspects. The university can't have columns being printed in our student newspaper like this one to steer away future students that are looking to join us as loyal farmers, ranchers and advocates of agriculture here at K-State.

> **Callie Williams** SENIOR IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND

> JOURNALISM, MEMBER OF AG STUDENT COUNCIL

I am disappointed on the writing about vegetarians and how anti-agriculture it was presented. I would have liked to hear the other side of the story about the good side of eating meat and the health benefits you can get from it.

Probably the most upsetting thing in the column was how it got a majority of the facts wrong about agriculture in general. Yes, there are confinement operations where hogs are kept, but did you know that it is one of the safest ways to raise pork?

Swine are naturally carnivorous, so we must keep them in crates to protect them. There are many instances where mothers will eat their children for no apparent reason.

Also, swine catch viruses and diseases extremely easily, so we vaccinate pigs to prevent this. Believe me, hog producers are already losing enough money; they cannot

afford to waste drugs on un-

sick animals. They use some

of the same protocols that we humans do. These are just a few of my concerns with this column.

I hope you will do another article on the subject and get a clearer image of how vegetarianism and agriculture are intertwined; vegetarians eat vegetables, and last time I checked, farmers raised those along with beef, pork, poultry and everything else.

> **Karl Hobbs** JUNIOR IN AGRICULTURE **EDUCATION**



SHOPPING | International students without transportation utilize free shuttle service

K-State shuttle riders, Sreedurga Kona (from left), Sravanti Bhimarazu, and Jyothi Deva, sign a list questioning where they lived and whether they wanted to shop at the Manhattan International Foods Market. After shopping, riders were dropped off at their home or to other specified destinations.





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our efforts, especially when they don't have cars," Rai said.

This service is open to all K-State students. Students merely need to bring their Wildcat ID to board the shuttle.

"Any student at KSU can use the shuttle," Rai said. "It is primarily international students who use it, but it's open to everyone."

According to the international programs Web site, K-State has worked hard to accommodate the new international students and has helped them with the transition to Manhattan and Kansas.

The continuation of the shopping shuttle is a part of the Office of International Programs' goal to assist these students.

"I am from China, and it is not very popular to have a car [there] be-

cause everything is so close, and that is not the case here," said Jingyi Chen, freshman in finance. "I normally go every two weeks on the shopping shuttle, but sometimes I need to go every week."

Chen said the shopping shuttle is very convenient and she is very grateful to have it available to her.

The shopping shuttle is definitely great for the international students because it is really hard for them to get to a store and buy what they need while they are here," said Heidi Minnihan, peer adviser and driver of shopping shuttle vans.

Minnihan said the shopping shuttle is so popular that last week they rented four vans and were completely full. Though the vans were full, the shopping shuttle program will continue to accommodate as many students

COPS | Fire truck vandalized at fraternity

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on Sunday.

The victim was less than 16 years of age, and the suspect was known to the victim, Crosby said. The case is under further investigation.

FRATERNITY REPORTS VAN-**DALISM OF FIRE TRUCK**

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, 2021 College View, reported criminal damage to its property, with damages of \$750, according to the RCPD.

An suspect unknown to the fraternity splatter-painted and spray-painted a 1935 General fire truck sometime on Saturday or Sunday, Crosby said.

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Christopher Spaw, Manhattan resident, reported criminal damage to his "concrete sidewalk border" at the corner of Manhattan Avenue and Houston Street. An unknown suspect sprayed graffiti, with damages estimated at \$500 on Saturday, according to the RCPD.

Students' majors mirror current issues

By Lauren French GEORGE WASHINGTON U.

Unlike most fads, popular college majors do not often come and go. In fact, the three most popular majors business administration, social sciences and education have been the same since 1985, according to the National Center for Education

But with the advent of new technology and the need for a greener economy, there are five new "on-the-rise" majors, according to an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education published earlier this month.

The fields of study gaining popularity at undergraduate institutions around the country are service science, health informatics, computational science, sustainability and public health. Of the five, however, George Washington University only offers a public health master's pro-

Professors in the GW Department of Environmental Studies and in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, though, say GW does have programs that are similar to the sustainability and health informatics ma-

"Sustainability touched on throughout the university but the geology department is the closet we have to a sustainability major," said David Rain, director of the environmental studies program. "Everyone is working to becoming more sustainable and green and this major is just a reflection of that.'

Rain added that even the School of Business is now teaching sustainable methods to its students.

"Faculty are studying how to use electronic voting, computer and information assurance to make it easier for people to use," Dolling

While a service science major would focus on the science of how people use daily services, from telephones to ordering coffee, the Chroni-

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Radar detects ice on Mars

By Nahal Patel

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Mars, Earth's arid red neighbor, may have had a more active past than previously believed.

University of Texas research scientist John Holt and his team found large reserves of ice buried under rock near the mid-latitudes of Mars, which could mean it once flowed with water.

"We haven't found any evidence of liquid water on Mars yet," Holt said, who presented his findings Friday. "But it is a possibility."

Holt is a scientist on the Shallow Subsurface Radar instrument team of the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.

NASA launched the orbiter in 2005 to seek out the existence of water on Mars, according to the NASA Web site. One of the orbiter's main scientific instruments is the Shallow Subsurface Radar, which scans beneath the planet's crust for water by sending out bursts of energy that reflect off of surfaces, similar to the way bats navigate with echo location, Holt said.

"It's fascinating how [the radar] can create such detailed images of something trapped underneath layers of dirt and rock," Jay Banner, a geological sciences professor, said. "It really is a remarkable technological feat."

Finding subsurface water on Mars is crucial for evaluating the possibility of life on the planet, Holt said.

"Life as we know it is dependent on

water," he said. "Where there is water, we could find habitats, and finding life on Mars would be huge."

The radar located ice at middle latitudes of Mars, between 30 and 60 degrees in the northern and southern hemispheres, where water or ice formation should not be possible.

'Water is completely unstable in the Mars atmosphere and should sublimate at that region," Holt said. "But the ice sheet is feasible due to variations in the planet's spin axis, which we believed changed from 15 to 35 degrees over a period of one million years."

The radar also discovered a 2-kilometer-thick stack of dust and ice roughly the size of Texas at the northern pole of the planet. The composition of these polar layered deposits is approximately 95 percent ice.

"There seems to be enough ice in the deposits to cover the entire surface of Mars in about 30 feet of water," Holt said.

The water could have formed billions of years ago when scientists believe Mars was a warm planet similar to Earth.

"It would probably take a 20-year mission to put man on Mars," he said. "When new administrations take office, it makes missions harder to implement because we have to start plans all over again. We'd need a 20year long presidency."

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